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SUBJ: RESOLUTION ON US TRADE ACT

1. FOLLOWING (PARA 2) IS TEXT OF RESOLUTION ON US TRADE ACT BEING PRESENT BY COMMITTEE II. DELEGATION INTENDS TO VOTE IN FAVOR OF RESOLTION, WITH ADDITION IF IT PROVES FEASIBLE OF TEXT GIVEN IN PARA 3 BELOW. RESOLUTION MAY REACH PLENARY TUESDAY BUT MORE LIKELY WEDNESDAY.

2. BEGIN TEXT.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, HAVING SEEN:

GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTIONS AG/RES. 199(V-0/75) AND AG/RES. 201 (V-0/75) AND 231 (VI-0/76);

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RESOLUTION OF THE INTER-AMERICAN ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL CIES/RES. 123 WHEREBY CIES DELEGATES TO CEPCIES THE AUTHORITY TO REPORT DIRECTLY TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON THE RESULTS OF THE "VII REGULAR MEETING OF CECON", HELD IN BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA, MAY 16-23, 1977, AS WELL AS DOCUMENT AG/DOC 781 ADD 2, WHICH CONTAINS THE CORRESPONDING CEPCIES REPORT, AND

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CONSIDERING:

THAT THE UNITED STATES ENACTED THE TRADE ACT OF 1974 THAT EMPOWERS ITS GOVERNMENT TO CONDUCT MULTI-LATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS, TO GRANT TARIFF PREFERENCES FAVORING DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, AND TO ADOPT OTHER TRADE MEASURES THAT ARE OF GREAT IMPORTANCE TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF LATIN AMERICAN TRADE;

THAT AS A CONSEQUENCE OF THE EVALUATION THAT WAS MADE AT THE VII MEETING OF CECON HELD IN BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA, MAY 17-23, 1977, ON THE FIRST YEAR OF OPERATION OF THE UNITED STATES GENERALIZED SYSTEM OF PREFERNCES, THE LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES PRESENTED A PROPOSAL ON THE PROBLEMS THAT HAD BEEN IDENTIFIED AND THEIR POSSIBLE SOLUTION, WITH A VIEW OF TAKING BETTER ADVANTAGE OF THIS SYSTEM;

THAT THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT IS MAKING A COMPREHENSIVE EVALUATION OF THE OPERATION OF THE GSP AND IS IN THE PROCESS OF REVIEWING, IN THE LIGHT OF THIS EVALUATION, THE ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS THAT GOVERN THE OPERATION OF THGSP, AND EVEN THE POSSIBILPTY OF SEEKING TO HAVE CHANGES MADE IN THE TRADE ACT OF 1974;

THAT DURING THE VII REGULAR MEETING OF CECON,
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THE UNITED STATES DELEGATION EXPRESSED ITS GOVERNMENT'S READINESS TO CONSIDER SUGGESTIONS THAT MIGHT FURTHER THIS REVIEW PROCESS;

THAT, SINCE THE GSP IS ONE OF THE ESSENTIAL INSTRUMENTS IN HEMISPHERIC TRADE RELATIONS, AN EFFORT SHOULD BE MADE TO PROGRESSIVELY IMPROVE THAT SYSTEM THROUGH CONSULTATIONS THAT WILL ENABLE THE MEMBER STATES TO AIR THEIR DIFFICULTIES IN TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THE SYSTEM, AND, IN PARTICULAR, ENABLE THE INTERESTS OF LATIN AMERICA TO BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT IN RESPECT TO THE INCLUSION AND MAINTENANCE OF PRODUCTS IN THE SYSTEM;

THAT IN ORDER TO TAKE EFFECTIVE ADVANTAGE OF THE GSP, THE LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES SHOULD HAVE A DISSEMINATION AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE SYSTEM THAT WILL SUPPLEMENT THEIR NATIONAL EFFORTS;

THAT, WHILE THE TRADE ACT OF 1974 HAS BEEN IN EFFECT, THE UNITED STATES HAS CONSIDERED NUMEROUS REQUESTS TO APPLY RELIEF MEASURES AGAINST COMPETITIVE IMPORTS OR

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AGAINST ALLEGED UNFAIR TRADE PRACTICES;

THAT DESPITE THESE REQUESTS, THE UNITED STATES
GOVERNMENT HAS IN MOST CASES THUS FAR AVOIDED TAKING
MEASURES THAT WOULD AFFECT UNITED STATES IMPORTS FROM
LATIN AMERICA;

THAT CONSULTATION
ON TRADE PROBLEMS, ON PROPOSALS
AND RECOMMENDATIONS THAT ARE IN KEEPING WITH THE
PROVISIONS OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE ACT OF 1974, AND
ON OTHE PROBLEMS OF COMMON INTEREST TO THE MEMBER
STATES IS ONE OF THE BASIC ELEMENTS OF HEMISPHERIC
ECONOMIC COOPERATION;
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THAT DESPITE THE VARIOUS COMMITMENTS MADE BY THE
INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES, IN PARTICULAR THE UNITED
STATES, WITH REGARD TO THE MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS,
LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES ARE CONCERNED OVE THE LACK
OF PROGRESS IN THESE NEGOTIATIONS, PARTICULARLY IN AREAS
OF IMPORTANCE TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES;
RESOLVES:

(1) TO ENDORSE THE REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE
FOR CONSULTATION AND NEGOTIATIONS TO CIES, AG/DOC. 781 ADD 2.
(2) TO NOTE THE READINESS THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
HA SHOWN DURING THE VII REGULAR MEETING OF CECON TO
CONSIDER SUGGESTIONS THAT TI MAY FURTHER THE GSP REVIEW
IT IS CONDUCTING, WHICH INCLUDES THE POSSIBILITY OF
MODIFYING THE ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS AND ALSO OF
SEEKING TO HAVE THE TRADE ACT OF 1974 AMENDED.
(3) TO INSTRUCT CECON:
A) TO ANNUALLY EVALUATE THE USE THAT THE MEMBER
STATES MAKE OF THE UNITED STATES GSP;
B) TO EVALUATE THE IMPACT OF THE EXCLUSION OF
ECUADOR AND VENEZUELA FROM THE GSP ON
THE EXPORTS OF THOSE COUNTRIES;
C) TO PRESENT, THROUGH CIES, A REPORT TO THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY AT ITS EIGHTH REGULAR SESSION,
EVALUATING THE CHANGES MADE BY THE UNITED
STATES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROPOSAL MADE
BY THE LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES FOR TAKING
BETTER ADVANTAGE OF THE UNITED STATES GSP
(DOC. CIES/CECON/280).
D) TO ASSIST LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES TO MAKE
PROPOSALS FOR PROGRESSIVE IMPROVEMENT OF THE
GSP, TO SERVE AS AN AGENT FOR TRANSMITTING
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LISTS OF PRODUCTS SUBMITTED BY LATIN AMERICAN
COUNTRIES FOR INCLUSION IN THE GSP AND ANNUALLY
TO REVIEW THE STEPS TAKEN BY THE UNITED STATES
GOVERNMENT TO IMPROVE THE GSP, BASED ON THE
SUGGESTIONS MADE IN CECON.

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(4) TO INSTRUCT THE SECRETARIAT:

A) TO INITIATE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND IN
COOPERATION WITH THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
AND OTHER SPECIALIZED ORGANIZATIONS A COMPREHENSIVE
PROGRAM FOR DISSEMINATION, FOLLOW-UP
EVALUATION AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO THE
MEMBER GOVERNMENTS, ON ALL ASPECTS OF THE GSP;

B) IN ORDER TO FULLY CARRY OUT THE FOREGOING,
THE SECRETARIAT FORMULATE A PROGRAM OF
ACTIVITIES CONCERNING EXPORT PROMOTION BASED
ON THE NEEDS OF THE CECON-CIPE PROGRAM FOR
TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THE GSP, AND TO PRESENT
THIS PROPOSAL IN THE CIES PROPOSED PROGRAM-

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BUDGET FOR 1978/79.

(5) TO REITERATE THAT THE STATUS QUO COMMITMENTS
ASSUMED BY THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIESREMAIN IN FORCE.

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(6) TO URGE THE UNITED STATES IN APPLYING THE
PROVISIONS OF THE TRADE ACT OF 1974 TO INTERPRET THE
ACT'S PROVISIONS IN THE LIGHT OF THE INTERESTS OF THE
LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES WITH A VIEW TO ATTEMPTING
NOT TO IMPOSE ESCAPE CLAUSE MEASURES AND OTHER MEASURES
AGAINST UNFAIR TRADE PRACTICES ON IMPORTS FROM LATIN
AMERICA.

(7) TO URGE THE MEMBER STATES, AND EXPECIALLY THE
UNITED STATES, TO HOLD PRIOR AND EFFECTIVE CONSULTATIONS
ON RECOMMENDATIONS OR PROPOSALS RESTRICTING LATIN
AMERICAN TRADE, PRESENTED WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE
UNITED STATES TRADE ACT OF 1974, SO THAT THE INTERESTS
OF LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES ARE FULLY TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT.

(8) TO REITERATE THE DESIRABILITY THAT, FOLLOWING
THE PREVIOUS APPROVAL OF THE LATIN AMERICAN GROUP IN
GENEVA AND AFTER CONSULTING WITH THE MEMBER STATES,
OF BEING ABLE TO HOLD CONSULTATIONS WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK
OF CECON FOR JOINT ANALYSIS OF THE PROPOSALS OF THE
MEMBER COUNTRIES OF THE ORGANIZATION OF THE MULTILATERAL
TRADE NEGOTIATIONS. END TEXT.

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ESOLUTION WOULD BE MORE BALANCED, UP-TO-DATE AND
CONSTRUCTIVE WITH ADDITION OF NEW FINAL

CONSIDERANDUM AS FOLLOWS: "THAT THE NEW ADMINISTRATION
IN THE UNITED STATES, HOWEVER, HAS COMMITTED ITSELF
GO GIVING NEW IMPETUS TO THE MULTILATERAL TRADE
NEGOTIATIONS AND TO SEEKING AREAS OF MORE FAVORABLE
TREATMENT FOR PRODUCTS FROM DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, AND
THAT ALL MEMBERS SUPPORT THESE OBJECTIVES."
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